RESOLUTION NO. 21795

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY'S MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT CONCEPT AS THE PREFERRED PLAN FOR RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION OF THE SALTON SEA

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is California's largest inland water body with beneficial uses, including fisheries and wildlife habitat, recreation, and preservation of endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea ecosystem is a critical link on the international Pacific flyway and has supported over 400 species of birds and a productive fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Sea is threatened by increasing salinity, high nutrient loading, and water loss; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority, a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, is the lead local agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is taking concrete steps in finalizing a conceptual design for the detailed planning of a remediation project that protects air quality, water quality and wildlife habitat, creates economic development and recreational opportunities on a regional basis and respects tribal culture and heritage values; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan will restore the Sea's ecosystem in a manner that also fosters regional economic development and recreational opportunities and minimizes environmental impacts by creating the second and fifth largest lakes in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Springs, California does hereby support the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for

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Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Palm Springs encourage the cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs held this 20th day of December, 2006.

David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTEST:

James Thompson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. 21795 is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on December 20, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmember Foat, Councilmember McCulloch, Councilmember Mills,

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, and Mayor Oden.

SS.

NOES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

James Thompson, City Clerk City of Palm Springs, California